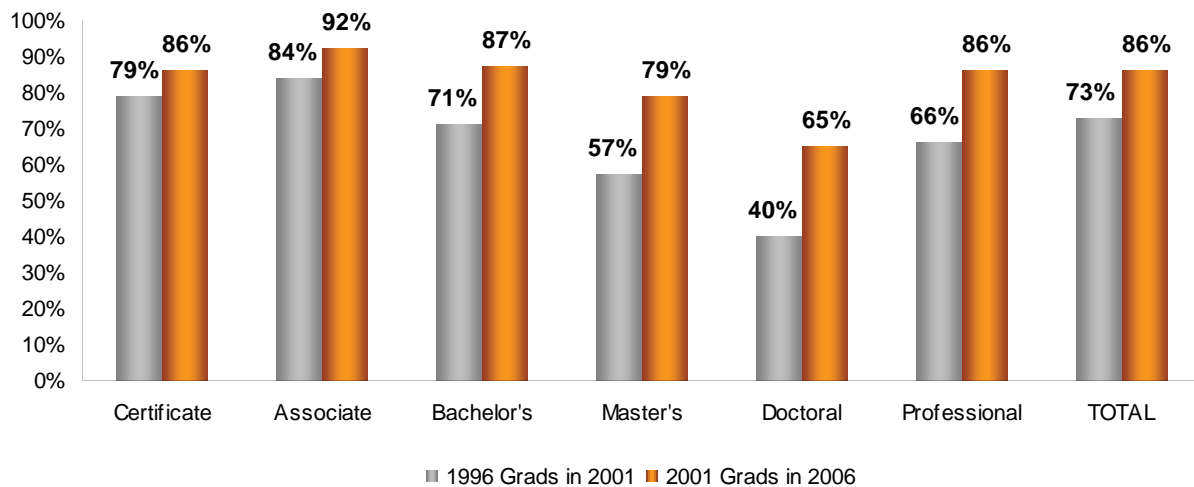




College graduates remaining in Kentucky

Status: Making progress

College graduates still living in Kentucky five years after graduation



Source: CPE Comprehensive Database and Kentucky Department of Transportation drivers' license records

Highlights

- Overall, between 2001 and 2006 the proportion of graduates from public institutions who held a Kentucky driver's license five years after graduation increased from 73% to 86%.
- 95% of resident graduates and 37% of nonresident graduates in 2001 were still in Kentucky in 2006.
- Associate level degree holders were most likely to remain in Kentucky (92%), while doctoral level degree holders were least likely to remain (65%).

About this measure

Recently, the Council added this measure to track the percentage of Kentucky postsecondary graduates who still live in the state five years after graduation. To determine if Kentucky in fact experiences a "brain drain," student data at each level of educational attainment are matched with data from the Kentucky Division of Drivers' Licensing. The most recent results reflect how many 2001 graduates held a Kentucky driver's license in 2006.

Although the data do not reflect people who fail to promptly change their drivers' licenses after leaving the state, the vast majority of Kentucky graduates appear to remain here to live and work, thus contributing their talents and skills to the workforce.